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*Congressional Quality Care Coalition Leads Effort to Improve Medicare Reimbursement, Health Care Workforce, and Overall Efficiency*

**Washington, DC** - Next week, the National Summit on Health Care Quality and Value will take place on Capitol Hill. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius is scheduled to give a keynote address, and Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Dr. Donald Berwick will also speak. Spearheaded by the Congressional Quality Care Caucus, the Summit is an opportunity for healthcare providers, consumer advocates, employers and other interested stakeholders across the country to come together to discuss how best to improve health care delivery and Medicare payment systems to reward high-quality care.

Formed earlier this year, the Congressional Quality Care Caucus provides Members of Congress a forum to transform the health care system to reward value in care and make evidence-based, quality care the standard regardless of location in the United States. The Caucus also continues to address geographic variations in Medicare reimbursement for seniors.

Representatives Betty McCollum (MN-04), Bruce Braley (IA-01), Jay Inslee (WA-01), and Ron Kind (WI-03) are the co-chairs of the Congressional Quality Care Caucus.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius  
Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Dr. Donald Berwick  
Officials from the Department of Health and Human Services  
Officials from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Health Care Providers  
Health Policy Experts  
Consumer Stakeholders

**WHEN:** Monday, October 4, 2010, 9:00 - 5:00 PM

**WHERE:** U.S. Capitol Visitor Center Auditorium

Media outlets interested in attending this event are asked to RSVP to Maria Reppas at maria.reppas@mail.house.gov or 202-225-6631.

*Congresswoman Betty McCollum serves on the House Appropriations and Budget Committees.*

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